From: Kelley, Craig
To: Lauren K. Gibbs
Subject: RE: Cambridge City Council and the Israel BDS movement
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:43:00 AM

Thanks.

I went on a trip to Israel a few years ago and it's clear that there is a lot of bad stuff going on, but I don't feel I am well situated to judge a lot of it. Certainly the settlements, which reminded me of major California towns rather than what I had in my mind as a temporary sort of thing, and water policy are huge problems. But I couldn't say BDS is the right answer.

Take care.

Craig

From: Lauren K. Gibbs [mailto:ladarelkg@verizon.net]
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Yes Craig – something that supports Israel's right to exist while expressing concerns with some policies is a great way to go! Glad you are thinking about this! Lauren

From: Kelley, Craig
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:02 AM
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Thanks for your note, Lauren.

I know next to nothing about this except that I am being bombarded with emails from people who seem to know more and I found a flyer at the Kennedy School last week. I am meeting with pro and con folks next week and the week after to learn more.

Not having seen the resolution, which won't be officially posted until the Thursday before the Council meeting, I cannot say anything with surety except that I will not support an attempt to delegitimize Israel although I could be supportive of something that expresses concerns over some of Israel's policies without singling them out as the only nation in the world with problematic policies.

I also think this is a lousy way to manipulate local government. If we want to take stances on good and bad in the world, and arguably we should, it only seems fair that we do so via some agreed upon criteria that does not single out specific entities for the sake of political expedience.

But like I said, I actually have not seen anything for the Council yet so my opinion is not well informed.

Craig